

**Administrative Determination (AD)**  
**Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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**A. BLM Office:** Anchorage                      **Lease/Serial/Case File No.** AA-80496

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Moose Run Golf Course Maintenance Facility

**Location of Proposed Action:** Sec. 7, 8, T. 13 N., R. 2 W., Seward Meridian

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

The US Army Alaska proposes to increase the size of the existing maintenance facility at it's Moose Run golf course. The boundary of the current facility will be extended approximately 200' in depth to allow for parking of vehicles and maintenance equipment.

The Proposed Action will result in approximately 1.4 acres of mixed spruce/hardwood forest being removed. The area will be graded, surrounded by a chain link fence, and become a permanent part of the maintenance facility. An additional two acres adjacent to the facility will have mature spruce and over mature aspen and birch harvested as a mitigation measure to enhance forage production for wildlife. The harvest will be authorized by free use permit with the stipulation that removed material will be available for public use.

**Applicant (if any):** US Army Alaska (Fort Richardson)

**B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans**

LUP Name\* South Central MFP                      Date Approved 3/80

LUP Name\* Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for Fort Richardson  
Date Approved 12/98

\*List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans or applicable amendments).

\*\*List applicable activity, project, management, water quality restoration, or program plans.

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

N/A

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The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) and, if applicable, implementation plan decisions:

The named plans provide for management of most natural Resources on Fort Richardson by the US Army for military purposes. Management of vegetative resources and gravel is retained by the BLM on those portions of the fort affected by public land orders. The golf course maintenance facility has been identified as a "military purpose" in several subsequent project plans and environmental assessments. The expansion of the facility as proposed is in keeping with the spirit of the existing land use plans. The MFP named was prepared prior to the construction of the golf course facility and does not specifically provide for it.

**C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action.**

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the Proposed Action.

Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Moose Run Golf Course Expansion (prepared by US Army Corps of Engineers with BLM concurrence April, 1997). Sale of timber for the golf course project was approved pursuant to EA: AK-040-97-016 dated July 10, 1997.

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the Proposed Action (e.g., source drinking water assessments, biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, rangeland health standard's assessment and determinations, and monitoring the report).

N/A

**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the current Proposed Action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?**

The previous environmental assessments analyze substantially the same action in the same area. The Proposed Action would increase the amount of disturbance associated with the previous action by 1.4 acres of clearing and two acres of individual tree harvests. The amount of additional disturbance in the proposed project is inconsequential compared to the original proposal.

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- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?**

The alternatives analyzed are appropriate and adequate.

- 3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the Proposed Action?**

The existing analysis is adequate. New circumstances and information do not support a conclusion of a significant difference from what was previously assessed.

- 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current Proposed Action?**

The methodology and approach are appropriate for the Proposed Action.

- 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action?**

Impacts of the proposed action are the same as those identified in the existing NEPA document.

- 6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current Proposed Action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?**

The impacts resulting from the Proposed Action would not result in a substantial change from those identified in the existing EA.

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**7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**

The public involvement for the previous NEPA document was adequate. No additional public involvement or review is necessary.

**E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:** Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>
Mike Zaidlicz	Forester	Forestry
Jeff Denton	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife

**F. Mitigation Measures:** List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Document that these applicable mitigation measures must be incorporated and implemented.

Mitigation measures identified within the original golf course EA called for removal of over mature spruce and hardwoods offsite to enhance wildlife forage values lost through the construction of the golf course. This Proposed Action calls for the removal of 1.4 acres of timber for the construction of additional maintenance facility storage. Mitigation of this potential habitat loss will be accomplished by thinning two acres of mature spruce and over mature hardwoods to enhance forage values for wildlife. This mitigation measure will be incorporated into the authorization for the proposed action.

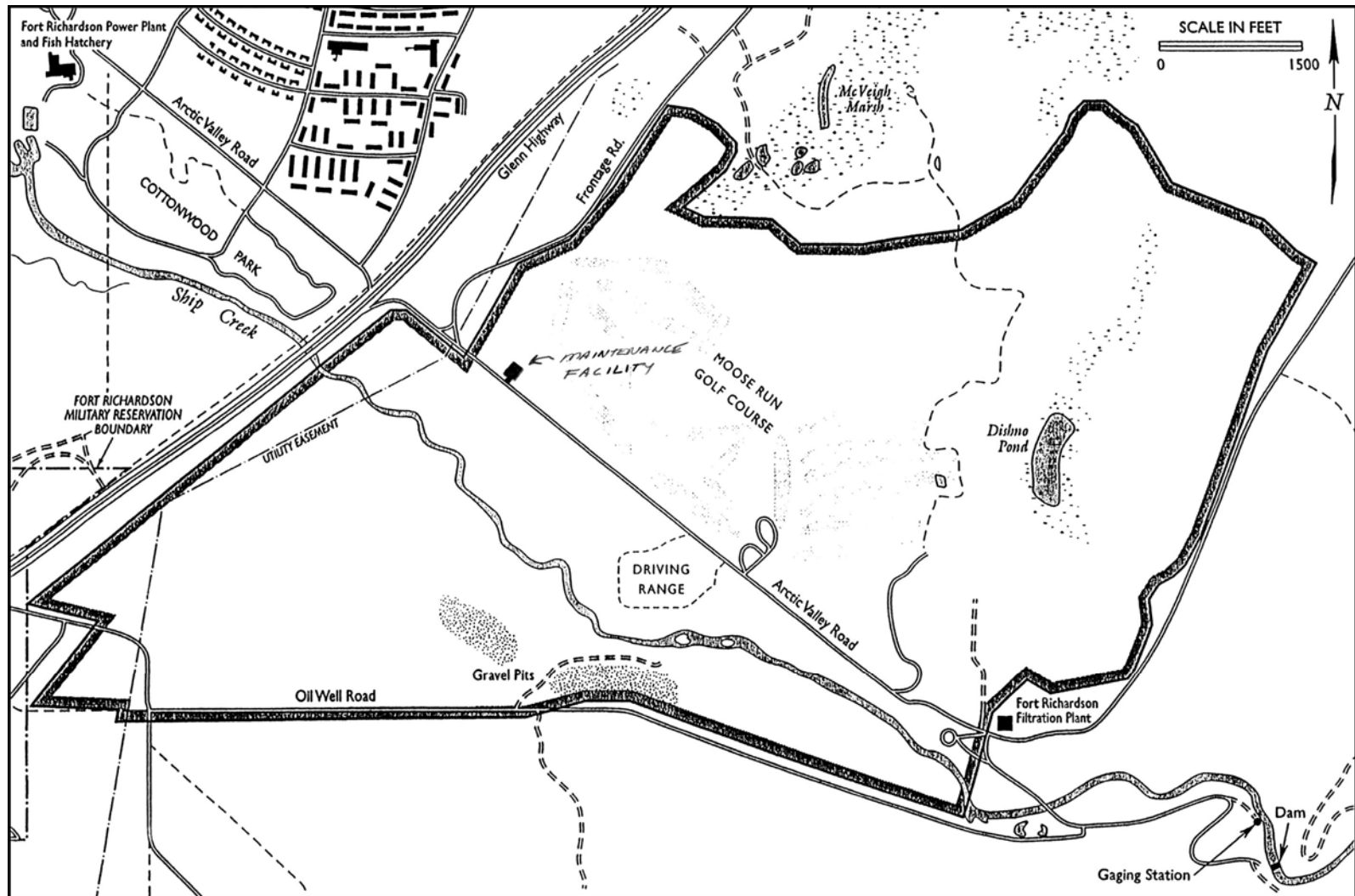
**G. Conclusion**

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

/s/ Peter Ditton  
Signature of the Responsible Official

01-31-02  
Date

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Area Originally Identified for Proposed Golf Course Expansion

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